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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6853

BILL NUMBER: HB 1698

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Environmental Rulemaking and Rule Variances.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Avery

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the issuance of certain environmental variances if rulemaking requirements are not met. It allows the Water Pollution Control Board to adopt rules for the issuance of variances from the water quality standards for mercury. It allows the Air Pollution Control Board to adopt rules to limit mercury air emissions rates of certain facilities. The bill also requires rulemaking concerning certain air emissions of mercury, lead, and other hazardous materials.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill requires the Water Pollution Control Board to adopt certain rules pertaining to contamination by mercury, lead, and other hazardous materials. It also requires the Air Pollution Control Board to adopt rules to limit mercury air emissions rates of certain facilities. The Department of Environmental Management provides administrative services for the Boards. Board expenses are paid from revenues in the General Fund and in dedicated funds. It is presumed that any additional administrative expenses incurred as a result of this proposal could be paid from existing resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Environmental Management.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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